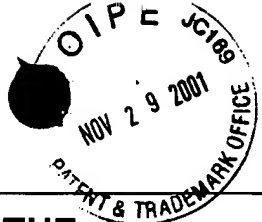


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, mailed October 3, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please replace paragraphs numbered [0024], [0026], [0028], [0029], [0032], [0162], [0201] and [0202] of the specification as shown in the attached amended pages.

Marked up copies of the original text of the specification portions are attached to this amendment. Material inserted is indicated by underlining (_____) and material deleted is indicated by brackets [].

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